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SUBJECT: DEFINITION OF AGGRESSION COMMITTEE:  
PRIORITY AND INTENT

1. IN LAST SCHEDULED MEETING OF CG III ( AM MAY 22),  
SYRIA, MEXICO, AND FRANCE ATTEMPTED TO AMEND GUYANESE  
COMPROMISE TEXT ON PRIORITY AND INTENT, THUS UPSETTING  
DELICATE BALANCE WHICH HAD BEEN ACHIEVED.

2. SYRIAN REP SAID HE HAD " SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES" WITH  
TEXT, AND DENIED THAT ANY TENTATIVE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN  
REACHED. IN " SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE," HE PROPOSED DELE"  
TION OF PHRASE " IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE CHARTER" AND  
ANY REFERENCE TO " PURPOSES." MEXICAN AND FRENCH REPS  
ALSO DENIED THERE HAD BEEN ANY AGREEMENT ON PROPOSAL.  
FORMER SUGGESTED REPLACING SECOND HALF OF GUYANESE  
TEXT WITH LONG, UNACCEPTABLE FORMULATION; LATTER, WHO  
IN LAST SESSION HAD AGREED TO DROP THIS POINT AFTER  
LONG DISCUSSION, SUGGESTED DELETION OF PHRASE " IN  
CONTRAVENTION OF THE CHARTER," IN ORDER TO KEEP TEST  
" BALANCES."

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3. UK REP ( REPRESENTING SIX) EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT AGREEMENT WHICH HE HAD THOUGHT EXISTED HAD NOW DISAPPEARED, AND HE EMPHASIZED HOW FAR SIX HAD GONE IN ATTEMPT TO REACH MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE.

4. SOVIET REP INDICATED HE STILL WILLING TO SUPPORT GUYANESE TEXT AND REGRETTED OTHERS UNABLE TO DO SO. HE MADE SEVERAL HALF- HEARTED ATTEMPTS TO KEEP COMPROMISE AFLOAT, BUT RECEIVED LITTLE SUPPORT FROM OTHER DELS.

5. OBVIOUSLY DISCOURAGED, CHAIRMAN ( BROMS) SAID UNLESS AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON PROIRITY AND INTENT, IT WOULD CLEARLY BE IMPOSSIBLE ACHIEVE CONSENSUS ON REST OF DEFINITION. HE PROPOSED HOLDING AN EVENING MEETINGOF CG IN LAST- DITCH EFFORT TO RESOLVE ISSUE, AND CG AGREED.

6. DURING OCCASSIONALLY HEATED THREE- HOUR EVENING SESSION MAY 22, SYRIA AND, TO A SLIGHTLY LESSER EXTENT, MEXICO, BOTH OF WHOM UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE FROM OTHER NON- ALIGNED, MAINTAINED THEIR POSITIONS RE GUYANESE TEXT. FRENCH REP ( WITH WHOM WE HAD MET AFTER MORNING SESSION) CONTINUED TO ADVOCATE DELETION OF " IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE CHARTER."

7. ALL OTHER REPS PRESENT INDICATED THEY COULD SUPPORT GUYANESE TEXT. SOVIETY REP ARGUED FORCEFULLY FOR ITS ADOPTION, POINTING OUT BALANCED NATURE OF TEXT. GHANA REP ( LAMPTEY) CONTINUED TO PLAY VERYHELPFUL ROLE, INSISTING THAT INCLUSION OF " PURPOSES" ESSENTIAL IF COMPROMISE TO BE REACHED; HE ALSO SUPPORTED CONCEPT OF " PURPOSES" ON SUBSTANTIVE GROUNDS, CITING POSSIBLE INEQUITIES WHICH COULD RESULT FROM AUTOMATIC APPLICATION OF PRIORITY PRINCIPLE.

8. ALTHOUGH LARGE NUMBER OF NEW " COMPROMISE" PROPOSALS TABLED DURING COURSE OF EVENING ( INCLUDING AN UNHELPFUL NEW EFFORT BY GUYANA REP), WE SUCCEEDED IN KEEPING ATTENTIONFOCUSED ON ORIGINAL GUYANESE TEXT. AT END OF MEETING, CHAIRMAN SAID HE WOULD SEND REPORT TO WG, WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT GUYANESE TEXT HAD FORMED BASIS OF GROUP' S DISCUSSIONS AND THAT, WHILE NO FINAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED, THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT WITHIN CONFIDENTIAL

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GROUP ON GENERAL ACCEPTABILITY OF THIS TEXT. REPORT WOULD POINT OUT THAT SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HAD RESERVATIONS RE INCLUSION OF " PURPOSES" AND PHRASE " IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE CHARTER." UK, REPRESENTING SIX ON CG, MADE IT CLEAR THIS LANGUAGE WAS NOT POSITION OF HIS GOVT BUT COULD BE ACCEPTED ON BASIS CONSENSUS. ( WE WISH TO ENSURE PROVISION DOES NOT GO INTO REPORT AS BRACKETED

TEXT.)

9. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE EVENING SESSION SERVED VERY USEFUL PURPOSE, BY UNDERLINING ISOLATION OF SYRIAN AND MEXICAN DELS. ALL DELS REALIZE THAT FAILURE TO ACHIEVE ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION ON PRIORITY/ INTENT WOULD MAKE ANY FURTHER PROGRESS AT THIS SESSION IMPOSSIBLE, AND MIGHT WELL LEAD TO UNRAVELING OF VARIOUS FRAGILE AGREEMENTS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN REACHED. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE IS CLEAR WILLINGNESS ON PART OF MODERATE NON- ALIGNED TO ABANDON PRINCIPLE OF " GROUP SOLIDARITY" ON THIS ISSUE. MOREOVER, IF SYRIA AND MEXICO SHOULD SUCCEED IN TORPEDOING COMPROMISE SOLUTION ON PRIORITY/ INTENT, IT WOULD BE CLEAR THAT FAILURE TO COMPLETE DEFINITION COULD NOT BE BLAMED ON GROUP OF SIX. BASSIN

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